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# Trumbull Town Clerk's Office

## Monthly Newsletter – October 2010

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### ***Celebrating Jonathan Trumbull's 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday!***

***Sunday, October 10, 2010,*** Trumbull Historical Society offers Craft workshop: Colonial Pierced Tin Lanterns

In celebration of colonial governor Jonathan Trumbull's 300th birthday, we will be creating pierced tin lanterns similar to those that would have been supplied to our Continental troops during the Revolutionary War. This family-friendly workshop (suitable for adults and children 8 years old and older) will be held at the THS museum, 1856 Huntington Turnpike, Trumbull, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Find out why Revolutionary Connecticut was called "the Provision State," and what role our town's namesake played in the struggle for independence. See authentic 18th-century lanterns, and take home your own personally designed lantern! The fee for the workshop is \$10 for THS members, \$12 for non-members, and \$8 for children. Registration is required; call instructor Wendy Cole Mawhinney at (203) 261-4662, or email her at [WCMawhinney@aol.com](mailto:WCMawhinney@aol.com).

***Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m.*** Jonathan Trumbull's Birthday Celebration begins with a wreath laying at Town Hall on the front green. The First Selectman, Timothy M. Herbst will have remarks and welcome. Lancraft Fife and Drum Corps will participate with the Color Guard. In case of inclement weather, activities will take place inside the Council Chambers.

***Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm.*** Trumbull Day at the SportsCenter of Connecticut, 784 River Road, Shelton. For \$10 per person, Trumbull residents will enjoy an evening of unlimited ice skating and multiple lazer tag games, each a one of a kind, heart pounding, adrenaline pumping adventure. Plus, each person will get four tokens to the new Game Zone arcade! Tickets may be purchased at the Trumbull Recreation Department. Call 203-452-2060 for further information.

### ***Annual Pumpkin Run*** Sunday, October 17.

**4 mile run \* 2 mile health walk \* Kid's fun run**

Proceeds go to Trumbull High School Scholarship Fund & Trumbull Chamber Community Grant Fund

#### **Event Schedule**

**8:00 am** Registration for all three events begins

**8:45 am** Kids Fun Run STARTS

**9:30 am** 2 Mile Health Net Walk STARTS

**10:00 am** GREAT PUMPKIN 4 Mile Run STARTS **10:35 am**

Post Race Refreshments for Participants **11:15 am** Awards Ceremony

Information about the Run can be found on the website at <http://www.greatpumpkinclassic.com/>



### ***Town Hall Notice***

Town Hall  
will be  
closed on  
Columbus Day,  
Monday, Oct. 11th

### ***First Selectman Brown Bag Lunches or Coffees***

Meet with First Selectman Timothy Herbst on the first Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at noon for the Brown Bag Lunch in the Conference Room. Meet for coffee at 6 pm on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room!

### ***Nature & Arts Center***



Check out

[www.trumbullnaturecenter.org](http://www.trumbullnaturecenter.org)

For some interesting and fun activities for all ages! There is a pumpkin carving sessions on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. Lots of programs – lots of fun for all!

### ***Registrar and Town Clerk Special Hours for Registering to Vote & Absentee Ballots***

The Registrar of Voters will be open on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 2 pm and the Town Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-noon, and both offices will be open on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 8 pm.

## ***Town Clerk's Office:***

Don't forget to register your Dog! Dogs should be registered every year in June. Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> the cost is \$12 for a neutered or spayed dog, and \$23 for an unaltered dog. Please supply us with the updated rabies information if necessary.

## ***Absentee Ballots***

It is that time again! Do you need an absentee ballot?

Some people do not know what is **required** to receive a ballot.

**First**, you need to fill out an application for an absentee ballot. This is available in the Town Clerk's office, and is also on line with the Secretary of the State's office. This should be mailed into the Town Clerk. You will then receive your ballot when they are made available.

**Second**, you can either mail your ballot in to the Town Clerk's office, or you can bring it in person, prior to the day of the election. (YOU cannot return your ballot in person on the day of the election. You or your designee must hand the ballot in person to someone in the Town Clerk's office.)

Only specific people can bring in a ballot. A spouse can bring in another spouse's ballot in person. A parent may bring in a ballot for an adult child. Minor children may not bring in their parents' ballot, nor may they bring in a siblings' ballot.

An Emergency ballot is ONLY for those who apply for an absentee ballot because of unforeseen illness or physical disability occurring within 6 days of an election, primary or referendum, or because they are patients in a hospital within such 6 day period – anyone over 18 that a person designates (caregiver, family member, police officer of the municipality, registrar of voters) may pick up an application, take it to the requesting person, return it to the clerk's office, wait and receive a ballot, take it to the requesting person, and return the ballot to the Clerk's office.

**Last**, please print your name and address legibly. Please make sure that a college address for a ballot is accurate and readable. In order to have your ballot counted please make sure the ballot arrives at our office before 8 pm on the day of the election.

If you are at all confused, please call the office and ask a question! Thank you!

***The Town Clerk's Office***

## ***Town Phone Directory***

First Selectman, Timothy M. Herbst  
203-452-5006

Animal Control, Lynn Dellabianca  
203-452-5088

Arts Coordinator, Emily Areson  
203-452-5065

Building Dept.  
203-452-5020

Business Education Initiative and the Cable  
Television Advisory

John Annick 203-377-5803.

Fire Marshal, Meghan Murphy  
203-452-5080

Transfer Station  
203-452-5167

Chief of Service, EMS, Barbara Crandall  
non-emergency number, 203-452-5146

HR/Civil Service, Mary Ann Meier  
203-452-5040

Engineering  
203-452-5045

Finance Director, Maria Pires  
203-452-5009

Golf Course Superintendent  
203-452-5085

Golf Pro Shop  
203-261-5989

Health Department  
203-452-5184

Highway Garage  
203-452-5070  
203-452-5071

Internal Auditor, James Henderson  
203-452-5064

Librarian, Susan Horton  
203-452-5129

Library  
203-452-5197

Nature and Arts Center  
203-452-4421

P&Z, Helen Granskog  
203-452-5047

Police Chief, Chief Thomas Kiely (non-  
emergency) 203-261-3665

POLICE EMERGENCY 911

Probate, The Hon. John Chiota  
203-452-5063

Public Works, John Marsilio  
203-452-5045

Purchasing, Robert Chmini  
203-452-5042

Recreation, Mary Markham  
203-452-5060

Registrars of Voters,  
William Holden & Jane Aiello  
203-452-5058 and 203-452-5059

Senior Center, Jean Ferreira  
203-452-5199

Superintendent of Schools, Ralph Iassogna  
203-452-4301

Tax Assessor, Mark DeVestern  
203-452-5016

Tax Collector, Mary Moran  
203-452- 5024

Town Clerk, Suzanne Burr Monaco  
203-452-5037

Town Treasurer, John Ponzio  
203-452-5012

Trumbull Historical Society  
203-377-6620

Zoning Office  
203-452-5052

## TRUMBULL ARTS COMMISSION

### CONCERTS AND CABARETS

*Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>* – “Mikata”-7:30 pm Cabaret-Salsa, Merengue, Bolero, Cha-cha & Latin Jazz

*Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>* – “Beautiful Night” -1pm Cabaret, Dr. Joe Utterback, Michael Jovovich, Tony LaVorgna, Brian Coralian & Nick Macri – playing and singing a collection of Winter songs

*Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>* – “From Op to Pop” – 1pm Concert Seating, NO Refreshments, Jodi Keogan - soprano, Mark Watson baritone, David Shenton –piano, Opera and popular music

*Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>* – “Songs from the Heart”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Michael Jovovich & Dr. Joe Utterback, Tony LaVorgna, Brian Coralian, Nick Macri

*Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>* – “River City Slim & the Zydeco Hogs”, 7:30 pm cabaret, Zydeco, Cajun music and lore

*Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>* – “The Kerry Boys”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Irish songs and humor

*Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>* – “Radio Ranch”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Country Western Dance Band

*Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>* – “Broadway to Hollywood”, 7:30 pm, Cabaret, Joanne Kant & Wanda Grochowski, comedy and songs

*Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>* – “Fiesta del Norte”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Interactive Mariachi Band celebrating Cinco De Mayo

*All performances take place at the Center at 23 Priscilla Place in Trumbull. Pre-Purchase Tickets is suggested. \$5.00 per person. Space is limited. Bring your own refreshments. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call Emily Areson at the Arts Commission office, 203-452-5065.*

### ***Saturday October 23, 2010 - Trumbull Historical Society***

#### **along with the Pequonnock River Initiative offers...**

Over the river and through the woods, literally

Throughout history, explorers have set out to discover what lies beyond the mountains, over the horizon, on the other side of the river...

If the latter sounds intriguing, you'll want to join THS past president John Lauria, along with local historical Sue DelBianco and members of the Pequonnock River Initiative, as they explore history and nature along the wooded trails on the east side of the Pequonnock River on Saturday, Oct. 23.

A member of the THS board of directors, John is also a member of PRI, an organization with members from Bridgeport, Monroe and Trumbull whose focus is protection and preservation of the Pequonnock River environment. Along the way, guides will point out natural resources vital to the area and discuss the threats they face.

Last fall, John and Sue led a similar hike that focused on historic sites on the west side of the river. While that hike followed the former rail bed now used by joggers, bicyclists and pedestrians, this hike will take visitors along a slightly more rigorous route and narrower trails. Still, organizers say the pace will be leisurely, and anyone in reasonably good shape, including children, should be able to enjoy the hike.

Hikers will set off into the woods at the north end of the commuter parking lot at 11 a.m. Historic sites to be seen include the ruins of the Tait paper mill, the former reservoir dam, and the site of a World War II plane crash.

Archeological aspects of the valley and nearby Indian Ledge Park, including the stone formation, from which, the park got its name, will also be discussed. The hike will cover approximately 2.5 miles each way or 5 miles round trip.

There is no charge for the hike; an accompanying guide to valley historic sites will be on sale for \$2. Proceeds will benefit the Historical Society. The rain date will be Sunday, Oct. 24, also at 11 a.m.



## Senior Citizen Corner

\*Trumbull summer beach bags are available for \$10.00, proceeds to benefit the Trumbull Social Services Food Pantry. They are available at the Senior Center or Town Hall (Tax Collector's Office).

•The Trumbull Food Pantry is available to all residents. Please call in advance for an appointment.

### Senior Citizen Travel

The senior center contracts with individual travel agencies. Upon registration you will be informed of the tour company your check is to be made payable. All trips have limited seating and are on a first come first serve basis. For more information call 203-452-5199.

<b>October 14 (Thursday)</b>	<b>Captain Jacks for Lunch and Mohegan Sun</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
	Includes Lobster Bake or Prime Rib, free bet and buffet.	
	Leave at 8:30 a.m. and return home at approximately 7:30 p.m.	
<b>November 18 (Thursday)</b>	<b>Foxwoods Casino</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>

## Halloween Safety Tips

Parents - Play it safe on Halloween! Accompany your child during "Trick or Treat". Visit homes of friends and family. Wear comfortable shoes. Carry a flashlight to be seen. Wear reflective tape on your garment. Go out before dark especially with little ones. Don't go to homes without lights that welcome you. Never go into a stranger's house. Don't let the children run ahead. Stay in a group for safety. Make sure that costumes are not too long for little ones. Check all candy before eating anything, Do not pet strange animals while trick-or-treating.

## 2010 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

## Pick Up dates are:

District 7 – November 4  
District 5 – November 22  
District 3 – December 8  
District 2 – December 22

District 4 – November 15  
District 6 – December 1  
District 1 – December 15

Note that this schedule is consistent with the format for the rotation of the Voting Districts that has been in place for many years. District 7 was second last year and it is first this year, rotating up the chain of order. Next year District 7 will be last.

THE DISTRICTS THAT DO NOT START ON A MONDAY WERE DONE SO TO ACCOUNT FOR HOLIDAYS AND PERMIT 5 DAYS OF PICK UP PER DISTRICT.

WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY PUSH THE LEAF SCHEDULE BACK.

NOTE: THE LEAVES MUST BE OUT BY 7:00 A.M. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK OF COLLECTION. IF THEY ARE PUT OUT AFTER THAT DATE THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

THE LOOSE LEAF PICK-UP PROGRAM IS DONE ONLY ONCE ON EACH STREET. DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE THE TRUCKS COME BACK TO YOUR STREET. A COMMON COMPLAINT IS THAT OUR TRUCKS "MISSED" ONE HOUSE ON THE STREET, BUT THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE AS THE TRUCKS MOVE RIGHT ALONG THE GUTTER. IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF YOU PUT YOUR LEAVES OUT AFTER THE TRUCKS HAVE GONE BY!

As in years past, DO NOT PUT THE LEAVES IN THE ROADWAY. ANYONE PUTTING LEAVES IN THE ROADWAY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$90 FINE. Putting leaves on the pavement presents potentially dangerous situations:

- Your road becomes narrow and cars passing in opposite directions could come dangerously close to each other.
- In the event of rain, the leaves wash in huge quantities down to the nearest storm water inlet, or catch basin, blocking off the top. This makes for even more accumulation of water as the hill of the street proceeds, until it gets to the valley (or low point in the road) where the water is likely to flood over the lawn and into the house or property of your neighbor at the bottom of the hill.
- Leaves on the road under normal fall conditions are slippery; thick leaves are VERY slippery.
- In the event of an early snowfall, leaves in the gutter are plowed back onto your lawn...maybe 10 or 15 feet.

While some people think the leaves kill the grass, our experience shows this does not happen frequently. The grass may show signs of stress because it is covered over, but come the spring most residents report no problem. This is particularly true if we are able to keep the program on schedule.

If you want to be EXTRA HELPFUL, please consider the disposal of leaves on your own property. Create your own compost site, or bring them into your woods and disburse them around the trees. Your "forest" will be healthier for your efforts, and you will help your Town by keeping the cost of this program down!

PLEASE DON'T DUMP YOUR LEAVES ON SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY OR THE VACANT LOT ON THE STREET, UNLESS YOU HAVE THE OWNER'S PERMISSION.

Residents in all districts may call for bagged leaf pickup throughout the program period – 452-5070 or 452-5071. All bagged leaves must be in PAPER BAGS or they will not be picked up. Use these same numbers for any questions or comments.